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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosts public meeting for Savan Gut Phase II Project

San Juan, Puerto Rico – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will host a public meeting for the Savan Gut Phase II project in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Interested public are invited to attend the meeting at Bethania Hall in Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church at 5057 Norre Gade in St. Thomas, VI 00802, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson Petty Jr. with the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the project's non-federal sponsor, will be in attendance.

The purpose of the project, authorized under Section 205 of the Flood Risk Reduction Continuing Authorities Program, is to reduce flood damages to the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School and Central Business District in Charlotte Amalie.

A previous study conducted by the Corps determined a recommended plan, which included the construction of a 2,300-foot covered channel from St. Thomas Harbor to and around the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School, replacement of three highway bridges, construction of the velocity check dam and construction of a floating debris barrier at the velocity check dam. The Corps received additional funding under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to complete an addendum to the previous study confirming the engineering, environmental and economic aspects of the project.

The Corps believes this study will benefit from public involvement and encourages participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Additional information and documentation regarding this project, to include a copy of the 2019 Environmental Assessment can be found at www.saj.usace.army.mil/Savan-Gut

The Corps welcomes views, questions, comments, concerns and suggestions. Letters of comment or inquiry should be sent to Ms. Kristen Donofrio via Kristen.L.Donofrio@usace.army.mil, or be addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division - Environmental Branch, Jacksonville District, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207, by April 20, 2019.

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